

# MRFSS Facts and Figures

## Alabama 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
SAND SEATROUT	1,010	868	569	142	11.7"
RED SNAPPER	850	363	1,206	487	16.8"
SPANISH MACKEREL	162	143	216	19	16.4"
RED DRUM	159	80	446	79	21.6"
SPOTTED SEATROUT	124	72	134	52	15.9"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

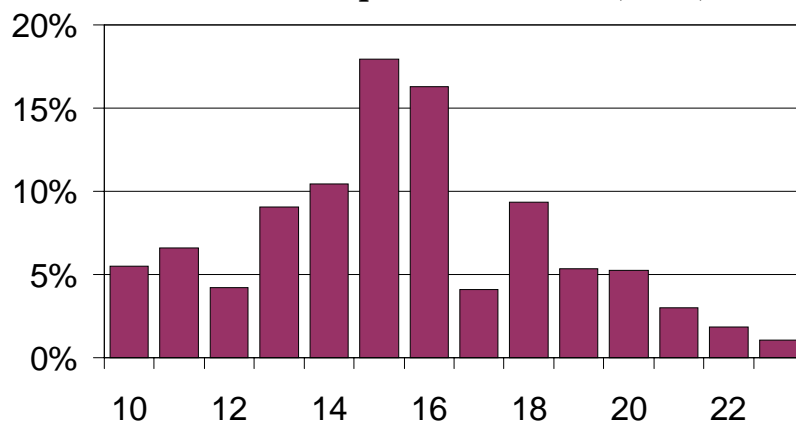
### Spotted Seatrout

*Cynoscion nebulosus*



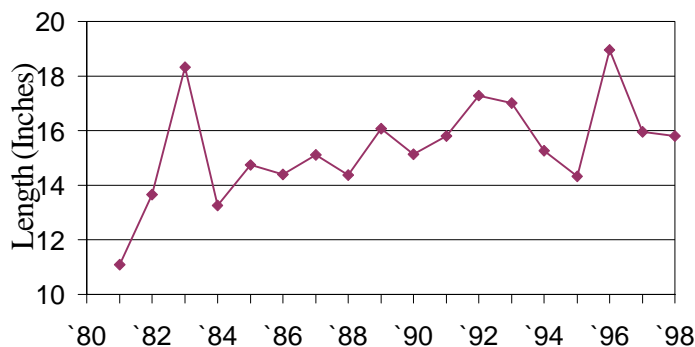
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 100 species of marine fish landed in Alabama.

### Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1998)

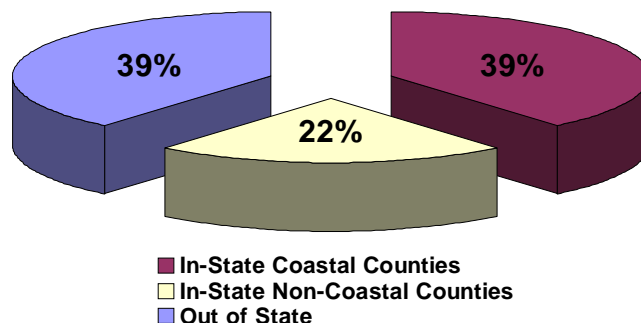


In 1998, over 44% of harvested spotted seatrout averaged between 14 and 16 inches in length.

### Average Length of Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1981 - 1998)

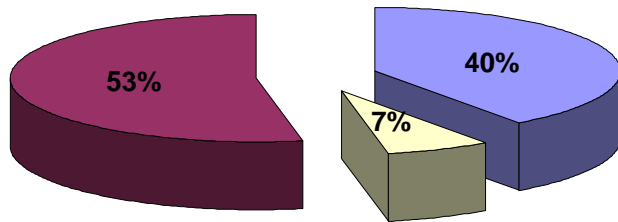


### Alabama Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



In 1998, over 250,000 anglers participated in Alabama's Marine Recreational Fishery.

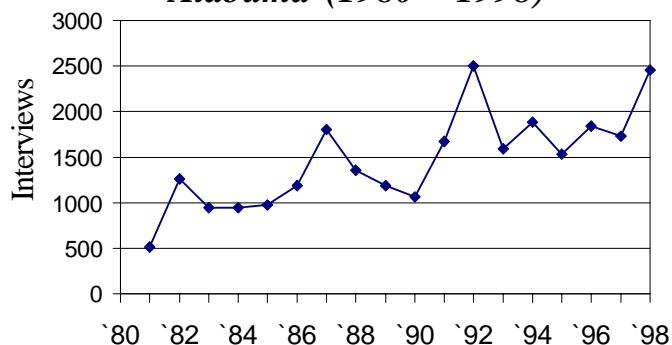
### *Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)*



Shore Party/Charter Boat Private/Rental Boat

In 1998, anglers took over 968,000 saltwater fishing trips in Alabama.

### *Number of Completed Field Surveys Alabama (1980 - 1998)*



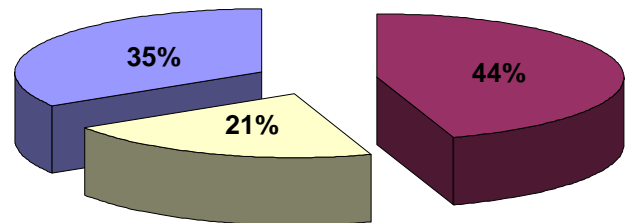
In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 2,456 surveys in Alabama.

The base MRFSS sample size was increased by 150% for the Southeast U.S. (NC-LA) beginning in 1992.

Other large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased sample size.

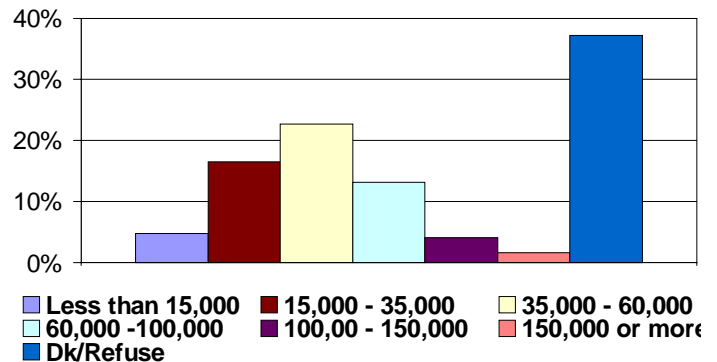
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources personnel conduct the MRFSS field survey.

### *Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)*

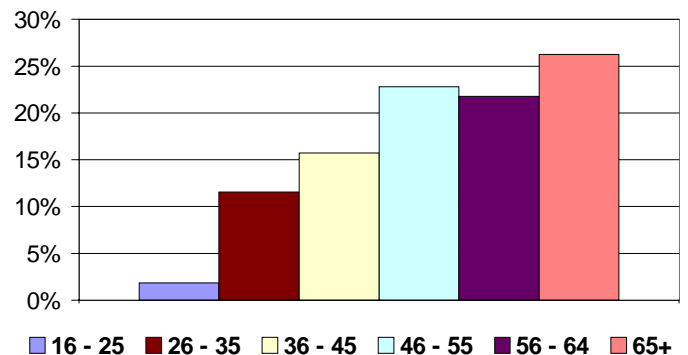


State Waters Federal Waters Inland Waters

### *Income Distribution for Alabama Anglers (1997)*



### *Age Distribution of Alabama Anglers (1997)*



## **ALABAMA MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION**

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*Alabama Marine Recreational Fishing Rules and Regulations*

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Rules and Regs: [www.gulfcouncil.org/bro\\_rec.htm](http://www.gulfcouncil.org/bro_rec.htm)

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